

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A spinning-reel fishing-line guiding mechanism adapted to be mounted on fore-ends of first and second rotor arms so as to be pivotable between a line-releasing posture and a line-retrieving posture, such that fishing line is guided onto a spinning-reel spool, said spinning-reel fishing-line guiding mechanism comprising:

first and second bail-support members being respectively and pivotably mounted on fore-ends of the first and second rotor arms;

a stationary shaft fixedly coupled to said first bail support member;

a line roller rotatably supported on said stationary shaft, said line roller having a guide portion defined on its circumferential surface, said guide portion being configured to guide the fishing line; ~~and~~

a stationary shaft cover fixedly coupled to said stationary shaft and spaced apart from said first bail support member to guide the fishing line to said line roller, an end of said stationary shaft cover having a slit-shaped groove portion; and

a bail having a rod-shaped portion on one end and a plate-shaped portion on the other end, said bail being curved and disposed radially outward relative to the spool, said bail being configured to guide the fishing line onto said line roller via said stationary shaft cover, an end of said rod-shaped portion being fastened to said second bail support member, said plate-shaped portion being formed continuously and smoothly with said rod-shaped portion and inserted into said groove portion to join with said stationary shaft cover such that radially outer sides of said plate-shaped portion and said stationary shaft cover define a continuous

and smooth surface.

2. (Original) The spinning-reel fishing-line guiding mechanism according to claim 1, wherein

said plate-shaped portion is formed by press-working.

3. (Original) The spinning-reel fishing-line guiding mechanism according to claim 1, wherein

said plate-shaped portion has a substantially triangular shape.

4. (Original) The spinning-reel fishing-line guiding mechanism according to claim 1, wherein

said plate-shaped portion has an aperture.

5. (Original) The spinning-reel fishing-line guiding mechanism according to claim 4, wherein

said plate-shaped portion is inserted into said groove portion such that radially inner sides of said plate-shaped portion and said stationary shaft cover define a continuous and smooth surface.

6. (Original) The spinning-reel fishing-line guiding mechanism according to claim 1, wherein

said rod-shaped portion is a solid columnar member.

7. (Original) The spinning-reel fishing-line guiding mechanism according to claim 5, wherein

said rod-shaped portion is a hollow tubular member.

8. (Original) The spinning-reel fishing-line guiding mechanism according to claim 1, wherein

said plate-shaped portion is fastened to said stationary shaft cover by a rivet.

9. (Original) The spinning-reel fishing-line guiding mechanism according to claim 1, wherein

said stationary shaft cover is a truncated conical member.

10. (Currently Amended) The spinning-reel fishing-line guiding mechanism according to claim 1, wherein

said stationary shaft and said stationary shaft cover are formed as a one-piece unitary member. [[..]]

11. (Currently Amended) A spinning reel comprising:

a handle;

a reel unit rotatably supporting said handle;

a rotor being rotatably supported in front of said reel unit, said rotor being configured to rotate in response to rotation of said handle, said rotor having a rotor body portion and first and second rotor arms that are disposed on that are arranged on opposite sides of said rotor body portion;

a spool disposed in front of said rotor so as to shift back and forth relative to said rotor and arranged between said first and second rotor arms such that fishing line is wound onto an outer circumferential surface of said spool; and

a fishing-line-guiding mechanism, said line guiding mechanism being configured to guide fishing line onto said spool, said line-guiding mechanism including,

first and second bail-support members being mounted pivotably on respective fore-ends of said first and second rotor arms,

a stationary shaft fixedly coupled to said first bail-support member,

a stationary shaft cover fixedly coupled to said stationary shaft and spaced apart from said first bail support member, an end of said stationary shaft cover away from said stationary shaft having a slit-shaped groove portion, [[:]]

a line roller rotatably supported on said stationary shaft, said line roller having a guide portion being formed on its circumferential surface, said guide portion being configured to guide fishing line, and

a bail having a rod-shaped portion on one end and a plate-shaped portion on the other end, said bail being curved and disposed radially outward relative to said spool, said bail being configured to guide the fishing line onto said line roller via said stationary shaft cover, an end of said rod-shaped portion being fastened to said second bail support member, said plate-shaped portion being formed continuously and smoothly with said rod-shaped portion and inserted into said groove portion to join with said stationary shaft cover such that radially outer sides of said rod-shaped portion and said stationary shaft cover define a

continuous and smooth surface.

12. (Original) The spinning reel according to claim 11, wherein said plate-shaped portion is formed by press-working.
13. (Original) The spinning reel according to claim 12, wherein said plate-shaped portion has a substantially triangular shape.
14. (Original) The spinning reel according to claim 11, wherein said plate-shaped portion has an aperture.
15. (Original) The spinning reel according to claim 14, wherein said plate-shaped portion is inserted into said groove portion such that radially inner sides of said plate-shaped portion and said stationary shaft cover define a continuous and smooth surface.
16. (Original) The spinning reel according to claim 11, wherein said rod-shaped portion is a solid columnar member.
17. (Original) The spinning reel according to claim 15, wherein said rod-shaped portion is a hollow tubular member.
18. (Original) The spinning reel according to claim 11, wherein said plate-shaped portion is fastened to said stationary shaft cover by a rivet.

19. (Original) The spinning reel according to claim 11, wherein
said stationary shaft cover is a truncated conical member.

20. (Currently Amended) The spinning reel according to claim 11, wherein
said stationary shaft and said stationary shaft cover are formed as a one-piece unitary
member. [[..]]